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## QUARRELS ARE SERIOUS ONES

Dissension in Party Hurting the Republican Chances for Success.

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 10.—Are the Republicans going to settle up their quarrels? The well wishers of the party are beginning to ask that question with all seriousness. For while Nominee Taft is the apostle of Peace and has been doing much to place the olive branch in the hands of all concerned, the month of August is slipping away and some of the Republican fights are quite as acute as ever. Republican quarrels are not allowed to distract well informed men as a rule. Hard as the party fights before conventions, its factions are accustomed to close the ranks after conventions. August is usually the great month for the Republican peacemakers. The quarrels this year have been of an aggravated character and the month of September, when the presidential campaign begins, finds the party fighting inside its own lines. The old and practiced peacemakers seem to have retired this year. New men are at the helm and they are not as skillful as some of the oldsters were.

The quarrel in Ohio is an example. No matter what the plausible talkers say, the Buckeye state is not at all certain for Taft this autumn, as matters stand today. That is not altogether because the Republican state central committee has recently seen fit to slap Senator Foraker in the face by refusing to invite him to speak at the opening of the campaign in Youngstown. There are half a dozen elements of serious discord among the Ohio Republicans. These would not be serious were there somebody with the acumen and the diplomacy to adjust differences and get all the Republicans into line for the ticket.

The Germans are not going to vote for the Republican state nominees this autumn, because of Gov. Harris's attitude on the liquor question. Heretofore most of these voters have been with the Republicans. It is claimed that many of them can yet be won over, but nobody is taking hold of the task and working out a satisfactory solution. The negroes are apparently willing to vote for Taft in Ohio, but if Senator Foraker is treated with indignity by the party leaders these negroes will resent it. If there is one thing that will turn the Ohio negroes against Taft it is unjust treatment of their Ohio champion, Senator Foraker.

With September days approaching, the Indiana Republicans are fighting among themselves; so are the Illinois Republicans. In each state the breach is wide. The eagerness with which Democrats are seeking nominations for office in both states speaks for itself. Often it is next to impossible to persuade the big Democrats in those states to run for office. The Republicans in Wisconsin are fighting; ditto the Republicans in Iowa, ditto the Republicans in Kansas. One of the ugliest party fights of the year is on in West Virginia. In New York the Republicans are demoralized and pulling at cross purposes as to whether Gov. Hughes shall be nominated.

Party fights of this character predominated within the Republican party in 1892 when the Democrats swept everything and elected Cleveland for another term. There have been party fights galore since, with this difference that the Republicans have settled their quarrels during August. The Democrats in-

variably have their quarrels but this year these quarrels have not been as numerous as usual. Then the Democrats are getting together. Bryan is assuming the role of pacificator but no more so than ex-Secretary Taft. However, Bryan is having better success. Even in New York, where the Democrats have lost campaign after campaign because of their differences it is beginning to look as though the party would present a united front, all of which makes the Republicans take notice.

National Chairman Hitchcock is giving some attention to the adjustment of these factional fights but in spite of him and of Taft the fighters keep on fighting. Every effort to patch up a peace seems to be followed by a new outburst of trouble. The olive branch work, however, seems to be of the utmost importance at this stage, of even more importance than the organization for the National campaign. For, although voters are very intelligent in splitting tickets, the fact remains that with local quarrels the National ticket is bound to suffer.

Meanwhile not only are the Democrats getting along with a minimum of friction—therein outdoing their rivals—but they seem to be ahead in their organization for the campaign. National Chairman Mack has his Chicago headquarters open and is thereby distancing National Chairman Hitchcock. Bryan's letter of acceptance is out and now he is going on the stump for the remaining weeks of August and for a portion of September. He will not go barnstorming, as he did in his previous campaigns, but will deliver a few carefully prepared addresses on specific topics in divers cities. He is going to speak from manuscript, so that there may be no misrepresentation of his words. Before the close of August he is going to fire the West on a few of the popular topics like the revision of tariff, the guarantee of bank deposits, the regulation of trusts and the anti-injunction plank of his platform.

In fact, Bryan is taking right hold of his campaign and working like a beaver to get things into good shape so that during the month of October, the last month of the campaign, he can remain at home and write signed articles on the issues. Taft will not be in speaking trim till September some time, when he will go down to Cincinnati. He will make his headquarters there, some people think because he wants to give just as much attention as possible to Ohio and to saving it from going for Bryan.

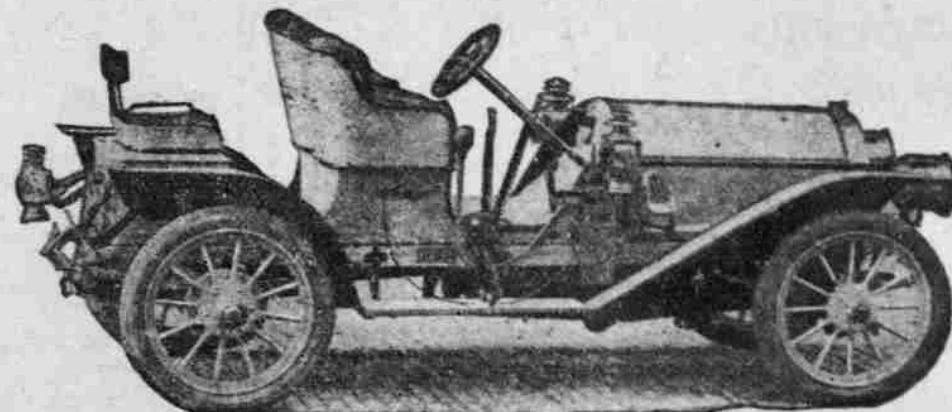
President Roosevelt's hand is seen more and more in the management of campaign affairs. Apparently nothing of importance is done without consulting him. Every little while the newspaper dispatches tell how this appointment to campaign work was made at the suggestion of President Roosevelt. The travelers up to Oyster Bay are not quite as numerous as the travelers to Hot Springs, but very many of them are on campaign errands. National Chairman Hitchcock goes there every little while to report, and he is executing many of the President's directions in the management of the campaign.

One good feature for the Republicans in the West is the fact that the primaries are out of the way. Kansas has just held a primary and nominated Joseph L. Bristow, former Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, for Senator. He ran as a radical. The radical candidate for Governor was also nominated. Both those nominations will help the Republican ticket and strengthen Taft's cause in that State. Whether as much can be said of the outcome in Illinois is uncertain. However, once the primaries are out of the way Republicans are more apt to get together for the campaign.

Soon the effort will be to arouse some interest among the Republicans in their national ticket. There is great lethargy. True, this is August, and the election is eleven weeks away. Lethargy has become a growing feature of campaigns in recent years, and sometimes is not as dangerous as it might seem. None the less the fact is that the ticket of Taft and Sherman has not aroused much enthusiasm. The applause has been perfunctory from the country at large. There has not been sufficient disposition to take off one's coat and get into the work of winning voters. Interest in the personal differences of the leaders has been more pronounced.

For these reasons many good friends of the Republican party want to see a change in the spirit of the campaign. They argue that it is time for the columns to be moving forward. Taft's chances for election, of course, are good, but the idea is becoming prevalent that it is possible for the Republicans to lose the Presidency if they do not watch out.

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## Francis Joseph, the Man

It takes the eye and patience of a historian to trace the evolution of the present Empire of Austria-Hungary. It is a tangle of intrigue and revolution, working out eventually into a fairly well-organized union. Wolf von Schierbrand, a contributor to the November Review of Reviews, after giving a brief history of the Empire under Ferdinand and Francis Joseph, has the following comment upon the character of the present Emperor. He says:

Throughout these tremendous changes, due largely to powerful causes over which he had no control whatever, Francis Joseph remained the same. The qualities which distinguished him as a youth of eighteen distinguished him in his old age. The key-note to his character is conscientiousness, steadfastness. Truthful, straightforward, frank, calm, simple in his tastes, plain in his living, handsome and strong physically, fond of outdoor life, an enthusiastic soldier and sportsman—these are qualities inherent in him; withal full of oldtime prejudices, of autocratic leanings, an aristocrat to his finger-tips, and yet graciously sincere, good-natured, amiable, benevolent, affable, considerate of others, even the humblest. They tell many instances of this. In 1879, at the disastrous Szegedin flood, when the Theiss river destroyed nearly the whole city, Francis Joseph, rowing himself in a frail skiff, risked his life repeatedly and rescued scores of lives by his personal efforts. Then he dived down deep into his own purse in aid of the sufferers. To him it was due that Szegedin was rebuilt far finer than ever before.

When Joseph Libenyi, his would-be assassin, in 1853, wounded the Emperor seriously by a knife thrust between the shoulders, the wounded monarch cried out to the mob that was on the point of lynching the wretch: "Do not hurt him; he has been badly mauled already!" It was his aid-de-camp, Count O'Donnell, who saved Francis Joseph from death on that occasion.

One day, driving to his castle of Schoenbrunn the Emperor found a fire-engine, which had been on the way to a big conflagration, stuck in the mire of the road. He instantly caused his carriage horses to be unharnessed in order to help pull the engine out of the mud, while he himself hailed a passing hack to take him to his destination.

At the recent army maneuvers, a little, ragged, barefooted urchin pressed a scrawl into the sovereign's hand. It was a petition from the boy's mother, abandoned and left in misery with her babes by a cruel husband. The Emperor at once took up the matter and saw to it that prompt aid reached the woman.

In humor Francis Joseph is deficient, like all the Hapsburgs. One of his rare pleasures was exercised on the late Count Julius Andrássy, who, condemned to die as a rebel in the Hungarian uprising, afterward became Premier of the Dual Monarchy. Laughingly patting him on the shoulder, the Emperor said to him, "How glad I am that I did not have you hanged in 1849!"

As a statesman and a ruler an iron sense of duty, strict loyalty, a strong feeling of justice and impartiality, and a high conception of public obligations have characterized Francis Joseph. Patience and endurance under adversity are also traits of his. His impartial sense of duty made him, the ruler over a many-tongued monarchy, a polyglot himself, able as he was to converse in every one of the fourteen languages spoken in his domains. A number of these he learned late in life. Despite his purely German lineage he has never shown any national or racial bias, and he has been as popular with the Hungarians as with the Czechs and Germans, Poles or Ruthenians, Croats or Slovaks, Bosnians or Rumanians, Italians or Moravians, Servians, Slovaks Slavonians, or Latins. This strict impartiality he has manifested throughout the lengthy Ausgleich negotiation of late years, negotiations as stubbornly fought on the Hungarian as Austrian side, and which, but for the Emperor, would long ago have ended in failure and, consequently, dismemberment of the monarchy. The only matter wherein he, apparently, has been a partisan regards the man—being used as the language of command, but this only because otherwise the unity of the army, its cohesion, and its tactical worth as a fighting machine would be sadly jeopardized.

An old offender was recently introduced to a new county justice as John Timmins, alias Jones. "I'll try the two women first," said the justice. "Bring in Alice Jones."—Uncle Remus Magazine.

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